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SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



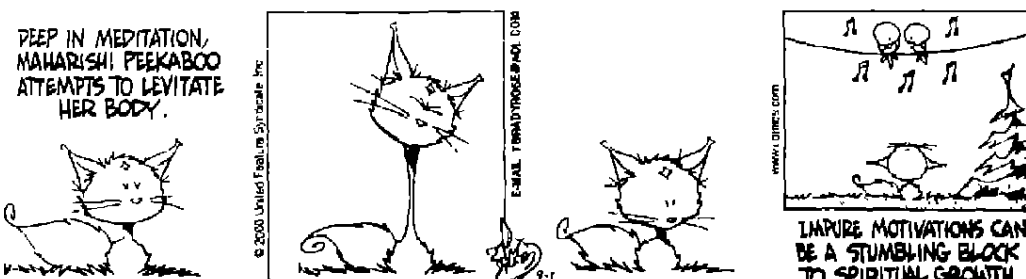
9 CHICKWEED LANE



JUMP START



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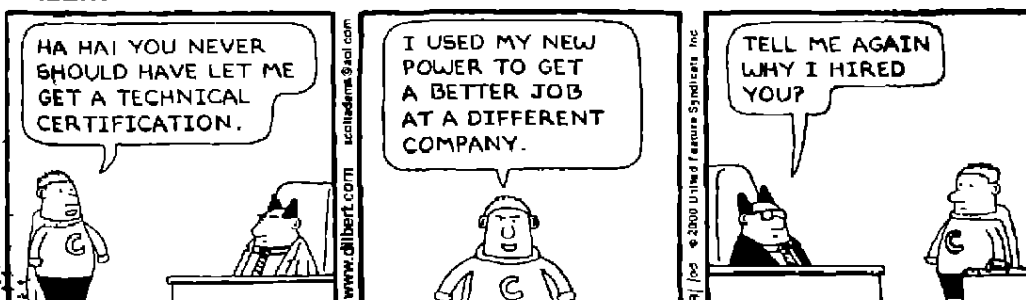
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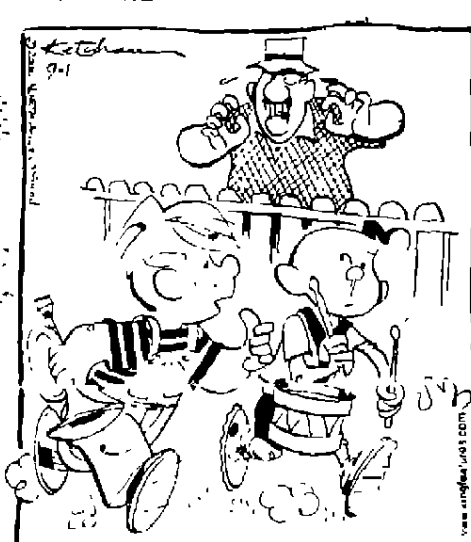
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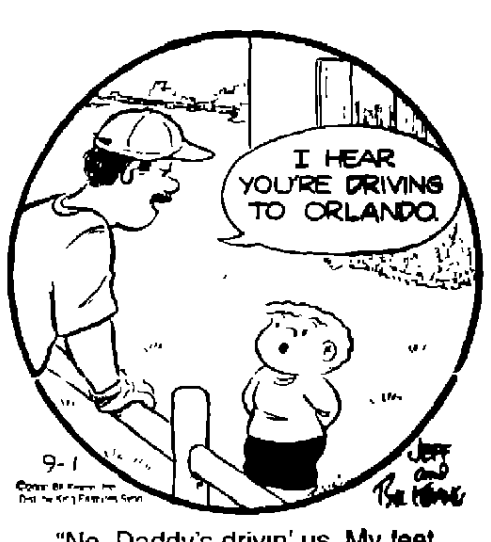
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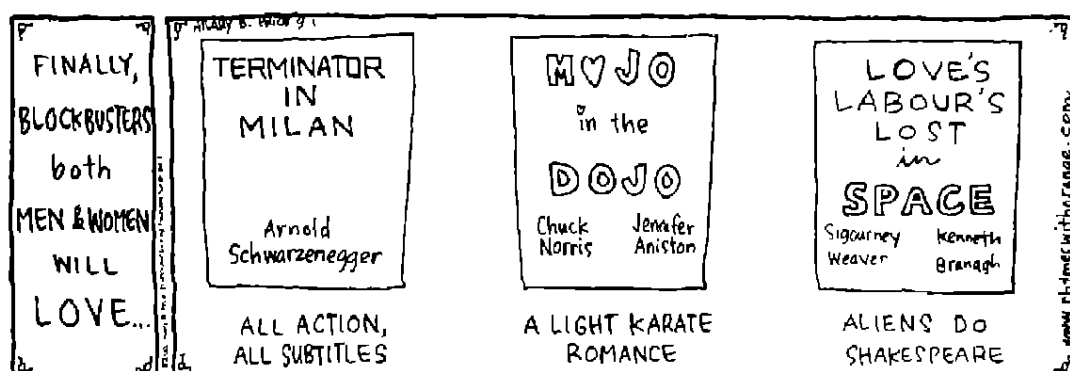
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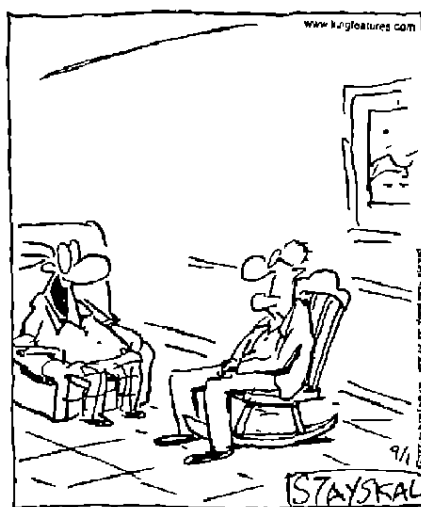
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actor Richard Farnsworth is 80. Actress Yvonne De Carlo is 78. Former Texas Gov. Ann Richards is 67. Conductor Seiji Ozawa is 65. Actor Ron O'Neal is 63. Actor Don Stroud is 63. Comedian-actress Lily Tomlin is 61. Singer Archie Bell is 56. Singer Barry Gibb is 54. Singer Gloria Estefan is 43. Former White House Press Secretary Dee Myers is 39. Jazz musician Boney James is 39.

I NEED HELP



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PAR SCORE 115-125 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. For words not in the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (with an asterisk) are in the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (with an asterisk) and Official Scrabble Words (Chambers) JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 9-1-00

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HOROSCOPE

For Saturday, Sept. 2, 2000

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A difficult situation will become impossible if you don't rely on the help of friends and allies.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You will be either strongly propelled or repelled by a stranger.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Withhold your judgment until you've had time to fully think through a situation.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A situation will turn from mediocre to spectacular, thanks to your skills and charm.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You will be a fly on the wall — and greatly wish that you were not.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) A veil of mystery that has surrounded a secret will suddenly be lifted.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You and your partner might not be connecting when it comes to passion or sensuality.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A time of enlightenment will arise from an unexpected event.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Accepting a limitation will help you find a new source of strength.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) This is a fantastic time to embark on new projects and to brainstorm ideas.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) A historical event is likely to remind you that no one is getting any younger.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) A flurry of activity is bound to brighten up your sagging spirits.

WORD SLEUTH

LARRYS

S Q N I G F C Z W T Q N J G D
A X U R L O L J G D A X V S P
H N K Y I M F C A X V S Q O L
A K N O S C I E H E C A X V T
G T N W R M H P L N E L J H F
M D N I O U D C S L Z B Y X R
A V T B L R E K R E I D R E P
N O M K I T B I O M V K G Y
E D B B Z R A N X W T L N B U
T R Q O N Y B G L J A S O I I
G F D C A Y X O W V D T H L

Thursday's featured clue: WILHELM

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Friday's featured clue: PLAYED J.R. BING

Word: Doby, Flynn, King, Linville, O'Brien, Storch, Walker

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ACES

By Bobby Wolff

South ruffled the second diamond, and instead of drawing any trumps, he led a club to dummy's jack. The finesse lost to East's king, and East took full advantage of his opportunity. He undid his heart ace to East's king and won the heart return with his ace. Now a third round of hearts provided the crusher. If South ruffed low (or discarded), West's trump 10 would score the setting trick. And if South ruffed high, East would score a natural trump trick. How would a rubber-bridge player have played the hand? After ruffing a second diamond, he would cash his trump ace. When all follow, he would draw the two outstanding trumps. Then he clinches his contract by cashing the club ace and overruling dummy's jack if East ducks. This holds his losses to two hearts, a diamond and a club, clinching the contract when trumps are no worse than 3-1. What if trumps had been 4-0? Then South would have reason to take the club finesse — not to score a possible overtrick, but to try to make his contract.

NORTH
♠ K 5 3 2
♥ J 7 6 5
♦ 8 7 5
♣ A J

EAST
♠ J 9 8
♥ A 10 9 5 3
♦ J 6
♣ K 4 3

WEST
♠ 10
♥ K 4
♦ A K 10 9 8 12
♣ 8 5 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q 7 6 4
♥ Q 8
♦ Q 7
♣ Q 10 8 6 7

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South
The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ 2♣ 3♣ 4♣
3♥ 3♦ 3♠ 3♠
* Limit raise or better
** Minimum opening
Opening lead: Diamond King

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0721

ACROSS

1 Tag sale tag
6 Arab patriarch
10 Crumpled
14 20-0 win, e.g.
18 Little wriggler
19 Lena of "Havana"
17 Good buddy
18 1950's sitcom star
19 Alliance
20 With 37-Across, what the music critic said about 55-Across?

DOWN

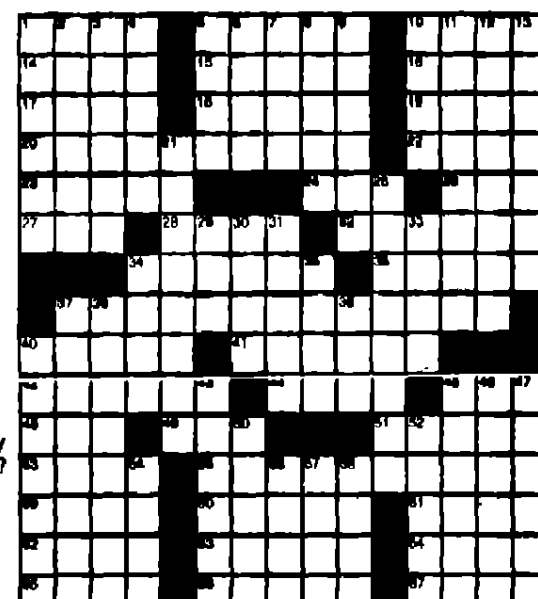
22 Stag
23 Pillow material
24 Drench
26 Kind of service
27 Union ____ Abbr.

28 Nicholas of patron saint of mariners and thieves
29 Drug
34 Electricity
36 Things that help people to carry on?
37 See 20-Across
40 Phlebotomy targets
41 Salt
42 White Rabbit's cry
44 Opp. of regatta, in music
46 Idled
48 Photo ____
49 High-tech program, for short

51 "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" woman Nolan
52 They may be odd
53 This puzzle's subject, born 7/21/20
59 Press
60 "Semper Fidelis" composer
61 No. 2
62 Second starter
63 Not so new
64 Result of a gas shortage
66 Load
67 Young dragonfly
67 Support system?

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ABUJAH THON ARMY
SWALE TEND NOAM
JALISCO THE GLOBE
ANY DATE HASTA
MAUSEUM BOUR
BOOBY HALL GAL
OWEN CHORE ALMA
LINE BOAR LUMP
LIREPPINAPOD
ORAG DADADUM
SCHWA MODE NAE
THEYVYVINGSIGUPT
EARN AMIL AGUIN
WREN MOSS STRELL



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